

I CLAIM:

1. A sanitary waste pickup device comprising:

a receptacle cup with a depth, a bottom, an interior surface, a lip, and at least one
detente on the interior surface at a first distance below the lip;

5 a fixed plate with embedded parallel spikes projecting therefrom, the spikes

having a length slightly greater than the first distance;

a shuttle plate dimensioned and configured to moveably accept the spikes through
a plurality of apertures, each spike passing through an aperture of the shuttle plate, the
shuttle plate dimensioned and configured so it may pass the detente on the cup if a first
10 force is applied to the shuttle plate, and may not pass the detente if a second lesser force
is applied;

a void at the center of the fixed plate, a solid tube passing therethrough, the solid
tube having a first end attached to the shuttle plate and a second end having a first handle
attached thereto, the solid tube having a first stop;

15 a hollow tube attached to the fixed plate and surrounding the solid tube slidably,
and having at least first and second catches and at least two springs, disposed within the
hollow tube, allowing tension and release against the first catch during relative
movement of the solid tube within the hollow tube stops;

20 the first handle, forming a physical unity whereby the solid tube, and shuttle plate
urging the solid tube downwards sets in motion the shuttle plate to scrape clean the
spikes as the shuttle plate moves downwards;

a second handle attached to the hollow tube.

2. The sanitary waste pickup device of claim 1, wherein the bottom of the receptacle cup is removable.

3. The sanitary waste pickup device of claim 1, wherein the invention is a metal material.

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4. The sanitary waste pickup device of claim 1, wherein the invention is a plastic material.

5. The sanitary waste pickup device of claim 1, wherein the invention is a wood material.

10 6. The sanitary waste pickup device of claim 1, wherein the receptacle cup is cylindrical.

7. The sanitary waste pickup device of claim 1, wherein the receptacle cup is square in horizontal cross-section.

15 8. The sanitary waste pickup device of claim 1, wherein the second stop prevents the shuttle plate from passing beyond the ends of the spikes.

9. The sanitary waste pickup device of claim 1, further comprising a plastic bag lining the cup.

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10. The sanitary waste pickup device of claim 1, wherein the first handle is horizontal and attached to the solid tube at a midpoint of the first handle.

11. The sanitary waste pickup device of claim 1, wherein the second handle may encircle the first handle.

12. The sanitary waste pickup device of claim 1, further comprising: a seal disposed at the lip 5 of the cup.

13. The sanitary waste pickup device of claim 1, further comprising: a second detente located on the interior surface of the cup.

10 14. The sanitary waste pickup device of claim 13, wherein the second detente is located nearer to the lip of the cup than the first detente.

15. The sanitary waste pickup device of claim 1, further comprising: a seal located at the bottom periphery of the fixed plate.

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